

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application and stand rejected. By the above amendment, claims 1, 2 and 4 have been amended and claims 3 and 5-22 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 23-30 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by virtue of the claim amendments. Support for the claim amendments can be gleaned from FIGs. 5-7 and corresponding text of Applicant's specification. The Examiner's reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-22 have stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,528,897 to Kuwazawa. Applicants respectfully submit that at the very minimum, claims 1, 24 and 27 are patentably distinct and patentable over Kuwazawa.

For instance, with respect to claim 1, Kuwazawa does not disclose a 6T cell *wherein the first and second passgate transistors and the first and second pull-down transistors have first threshold voltages that are substantially the same, and wherein the first and second pull-up transistors have second threshold voltages that are substantially the same, and wherein the first threshold voltages are greater than the second threshold voltages*, as essentially recited in claim 1.

Furthermore, with respect to claim 24, Kuwazawa does not disclose a 6T cell *wherein the first and second pull-down transistors, the first and second pull-up transistors and the first and second passgate transistors all have first threshold voltages that are substantially the same, wherein the first threshold voltage is a voltage in a range of about 0.3V to about 0.7V*, as essentially recited in claim 24.

Moreover, with respect to claim 27, Kuwazawa does not disclose a 6T cell *wherein the first and second passgate transistors have first threshold voltages that are substantially the same, and wherein the first and second pull-up transistors and the first and second pull-down transistors have second threshold voltages that are substantially the same, and wherein the first threshold voltages are greater than the second threshold voltages*, as essentially recited in claim 27.

Accordingly, claims 1, 24 and 27 and respective dependent claims 2, 4, 23, 25, 26 and 28-30 are patentable over Kuwazawa. Therefore, withdrawal of the anticipation rejections is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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